

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appl. No. 09/944,174
Attorney Docket No.: Q65929

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicant cancels claims 4-8, 13, and 21-24. In addition, Applicant amends claim 1 to include the features of claim 5 and rewrites claim 12 into its independent form.

In this Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 14-18 and indicated that claims 5 and 12 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 1-4, 6-11, and 13 presently stand rejected. The Office Action is incomplete in that it fails to address previously added claims 19-24.

To expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, Applicant amends the independent claim 1 to include the features of the allowable claim 5. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to now allow claim 1 and its dependent claims 2, 3, 9-11, 19, and 20. With respect to the remaining rejected claims, Applicant hereby cancels claims 4, 6-8, and 13.

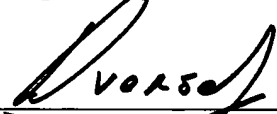
In addition, Applicant cancels claims 21-24. Claim 12 is rewritten into its independent form and claims 14-18 are allowed.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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